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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 1123

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, SU, ET  
SUBJECT: SUDAN-ETHIOPIAN CONTACTS

1. SUDANGOV ONCE AGAIN ACTIVE IN EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM  
OF IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH ETHIOPIA. PROCESS WILL INCLUDE  
THREE SEPARATE HIGH-LEVEL VISITS. PROCESS BECAME PUBLIC FEW  
DAYS AGO WHEN MINSTATE FONAFFS DENG HAD WELL PUBLICIZED  
CONSULTATION WITH ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR YILMA TADESSE  
MARCH 11 TO DISCUSS MEETINGS BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER OF  
SIERRA LEONE AND ETHIOPIAN OFFICIALS, "LED BY CHAIRMAN  
MENGISTU" ON IMPLEMENTATION OF FREETOWN AGREEMENT.

2. AMBASSADOR YILMA TADESSE SAID ETHIOPIA WILL WELCOME  
IMPENDING VISIT OF FIRST VICE PRESIDENT ABUL GASSIM MOHAMED  
IBRAHIM. IN ORDER TO MAKE ABUL GASSIM'S VISIT MORE SUC-  
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CESSFUL, ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR INVITED SUDANESE FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS UNDER SECRETARY HASHIM OSMAN TO VISIT ADDIS FIRST  
TO MAKE PROCEDURAL PREPARATIONS "SINCE THIS WILL BE FIRST  
VISIT AT HIGH LEVEL SINCE DETERIORATION OF RELATIONS  
BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES." BEFORE THIS VISIT, HOWEVER, SENIOR  
EPMG OFFICIAL ALREADY VISITING KHARTOUM. AMBASSADOR HAS  
RECEIVED INVITATION TO SOCIAL FUNCTION MARCH 15 FOR

ETHIOPIAN PERMANENT SECRETARY MAJOR DAWIT WOLDE GIORGHIS WHO APPARENTLY ARRIVED IN KHARTOUM MARCH 14. VISIT HAS NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED AS OF TUESDAY A.M.

3. ABUL GASSIM TOLD AMBASSADOR RECENTLY THAT ANTI-EPMG BROADCASTS FROM SUDAN ARE BEING REDUCED. OTHER SOURCES SAY ERITREAN BROADCASTS HAVE STOPPED BECAUSE SUDANGOV REGARDS THEM AS POSSIBLE SOURCE OF UNREST AMONG 100,000 ERITREAN REFUGEES INSIDE SUDAN AS WELL AS IRRITANT TO ETHIOPIA. UNTIL NOW ETHIOPIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION (EDU) CONTINUES HOUR DAILY BROADCASTS FROM RADIO OMDURMAN.

4. COMMENT: ONCE AGAIN SUDANGOV AND EPMG ARE TRYING TO OVERCOME SERIOUS MUTUAL SUSPICIONS THROUGH HIGH LEVEL DIPLOMACY. REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW SUCCESSFUL THEY CAN BE, PARTICULARLY IF THERE IS NO GIVE BY ETHIOPIANS ON EITHER ANSAR OR ERITREA ISSUES. HOWEVER, WITH DRAMATIC TURN OF EVENTS IN OGADEN BOTH SIDES MAY FEEL NOW IS GOOD TIME TO TRY AGAIN. FOR PRESENT, AT LEAST. SUDAN-ETHIOPIA RELATIONS ARE APPARENTLY IMPROVING.  
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